

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere!

ST. MICHAEL CONVENT
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"I rejoiced when I heard them say let us go to the house of the Lord."
(Today's Responsorial Psalm)

Dear Sisters,

To no one did this response have a deeper meaning this morning than to our dear Sister M. Clementia, when she entered heaven at 6:10 a.m.

Sister M. Clementia - Katharina Splithoever
Born January 12, 1889 in Ostbevern, Germany
Entered our Congregation May 15, 1913
Final Profession November 24, 1918
Died October 26, 1974 in St. Michael's in Reading.

Sister M. Clementia, a cousin of our deceased Sister M. Alderica, came to the U.S.A. in 1914. She was active in the homemaking apostolate in eleven of our convents. Her last assignment was at Villa St. Elizabeth, where during the last years of her active life she lovingly cared for the aged on night duty. When her arthritic condition became more crippling, she came to our motherhouse infirmary in 1969. Her illness forced her to be bedridden for about the past three years. During the last two years she became completely immobilized, yet she was very patient; there was never a word or sign of complaint. The Sisters will always remember her beautiful smile, her "Thank you for the visit", and "I will pray for you." We have gained a new friend in heaven.

Sister M. Clementia was a friendly and kind person with an eye for the needs of others and a willingness to meet these needs. Her life was characterized by a great love for the holy Sacrifice of the Mass. According to her words, she lived the Mass all day, offering Jesus to the Father. She also had a childlike devotion to Mary. Because she could not move at all, one of the Sisters often held a statue or picture of Our Lady in front of her. Her eyes lit up and she would pray: "Maria, liebste Mutter mein, ich lade dich zu meiner Sterbestunde ein; Finde dich rechtzeitig ein, dann brauche ich nicht bange sein." (Mary, my dearest Mother, I invite you to be present at my death. Be there on time, then I need not be afraid.) Our Mother Mary took her victim-soul to heaven on her own day, Saturday. Sister was conscious to the end, following the prayers until she quietly took her last breath.

Let us continue to keep our dear Sister M. Clementia in our prayers, and especially at the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, October 29, 1974 at 4:00 p.m.

In the Love of Jesus,

Sister Mary Dacia, M.S.C.